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SUBJECT: NORWEGIAN OFFICIAL TO MEET WITH AFRICAN
LIBERATION MOVEMENTS

1. FOREIGN MINISTRY'S UNDERSECRETARY ARNE ARNESEN IS DEPARTING
MARCH 1 FOR A BRIEF (APPARENTLY FORTNIGHT) TOUR OF EAST
AND WEST AFRICGUK HE FIRST STOP, HOWEVER, WILL BE CAIRO, WHERE
HE WILL PURSUE THE NORWEGIAN-EGYPTIAN DIALOGUE CONCERNING
THE OIL CRISIS. HE TOLD DCM HIS TRIP IS TO RECEIVE NO
PUBLICITY, BUT HE IS ON AN OFFICIAL MISSION TO DISCUSS
NORWEGIAN AID TO AFRICA. IT WAS QUICKLY APPARENT FROM HIS
REMARKS THAT THE AID IN QUESTION CONCERNS PRIMARILY THE
12 MILLION KRONER APPROPRIATION FOR ASSISTANCE TO "LIBERATION
MOVEMENTS" DIRECTED AGAINST AGAINST ANGOLA, MOZAMBIQUE AND PORTUGUESE
GUINEA. ARNESEN EXPLAINED THAT NORWAY HAS BEEN UNABLE TO SPEND
PART OF THE MONEY APPROPRIATED LAST YEAR AND HAD DECIDED THAT THE
ONLY WAY TO INSURE THAT THE FUNDS ACHIEVE THEIR PURPOSE WAS TO
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DEVELOP DIRECT CONTACTS WITH THE LIBERATION MOVEMENTS.

2. ARNESEN ACKNOWLEDGED THAT HE WOULD BE LOOKING INTO THE GUINEA-BISSAU RECOGNITION QUESTION IN CONNECTION WITH HIS VISIT TO CONAKRY. HE REPLIED IN GUARDED TERMS TO THE QUESTION WHETHER NORWAY PLANNED TO ABIDE BY ITS TRADITIONAL CRITERIA OF TERRITORIAL CONTROL IN DECIDING WHETHER TO RECOGNIZE GUINEA-BISSAU, WHEN THIS QUESTION COMES UP IN THE NEXT NORDIC FOREIGN MINISTERS MEETING (APRIL 4-5). ARNESEN SAID THAT NORWAY HAD NOT CHANGED ITS POLICY ON RECOGNITION BUT RECALLED FOREIGN MINISTER FRYDENLUND'S REMARKS THAT POLITICAL CONSIDERATIONS WILL ALSO PLAY AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN THE FINAL DECISION. (FRYDENLUND TOLD THE STORTING LAST OCTOBER THAT, IN EVALUATING THE RECONGITION QUESTION, NORWAY WILL BEAR IN MIND THE FACT THAT "THIS IS A QUESTION OF A LIBERATION MOVEMENT'S STRUGGLE AGAINST A COLONIAL POWER WHICH HAS NOT MET ITS OBLIGATIONS UNDER THE UN CHARTER TOWARD THE POPULATION OF THE AREA.") HE INDICATED THAT FOR THE MOMENT, NORWAY IS TRYING TO DEVELOP A COMMON APPROACH TO PORTUGAL ON THE PART OF ITS ALLIES TO PERSUADE IT TO ENTER INTO NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE AFRICAN LIBERATION MOVEMENTS.

3. AT A DINNER IN HONOR OF VISITING AMBASSADOR STRAUSSZ-HUPE ON FEBRUARY 26, CHAIRMAN OF THE STORTING'S FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE TOR OFTEDAL ALSO EMPHASIZED NORWAY'S HOPE THAT PORTUGAL CAN BE PERSUADED TO ESTABLISH SOME TYPE OF AUTONOMOUS STATUES FOR ITS AFRICAN COLONIES. HE HAD OBVIOUSLY BEEN IMPRESSED BY THE APPARENT WILLIGNESS OF THE LATE PAIGC LEADER CABRAL TO MAINTAIN LINKS WITH PORTUGAL AFTER INDEPENDENCE. OFTEDAL INSISTED THAT BOTH NORWEGIAN AND SWEDISH AID TO THE LIBERATION MOVEMENTS INVOLVE ONLY ECONOMIC AND HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE AND NO ARMS.
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